

SENATOR MAHONEY: ...motion. That's what I would do.

SPEAKER: Now, will you restate that amendment?

SENATOR MAHONEY: My amendment would be that we change our dates for the Easter vacation or to rescind it. Rescind our action of yesterday and that in its place we start on, is it March 5th, Senator Carpenter? Was that your motion? March what? March 5th. In its place, we start on March 5th with each Friday off, and that will save enough...

SPEAKER: In other words, as I understand you, Senator, you are agreeing with Senator Carpenter. That we take each Friday off, but that we do not take any Easter vacation other than that Friday that...

SENATOR MAHONEY: That falls during Easter week.

SPEAKER: ...falls before the Easter vacation.

SENATOR MAHONEY: And that would make it possible for all these Senators on Thursday not to have to get up here and find a way out on Friday.

SPEAKER: Now, we have Senator Carpenter's motion as amended by Senator Mahoney. Senator Stromer's light is not working. Mr. Clerk, would you take note of that and see that that is fixed. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, and fellow members, as I was listening to some of the discussion this morning, it seems to me that if we do have some Committees that are getting behind and particularly Committees, maybe, if they meet on Fridays, that this would not be a day that would be a day off, but it still would be a day that, maybe, we could do Committee work. It would still be a day where we could do some other catch-up work, so I would really, maybe, suggest that Senator Mahoney withdraw his motion and that we handle the Easter break or Easter vacation as it comes before us, but that we still go ahead and use the four day week and still use that Friday as a working day. I think, maybe, this should be considered also. That it is not just always a day to go home. There is work there to be done, also, but, also, there is work that we can do here and we could only do it if we are not in session.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, originally I was opposed to the motion of Senator Carpenter, but now when Senator Mahoney amends it, I am doubly opposed to it. Here we're trying to rescind the action that we took yesterday. I've made some plans for that Easter vacation and I'd hate to have to cancel out on them the next day after I make them. Now, I have one question and in my mind, at least, I hope that if we take this Friday off that our Thursdays don't turn in to the same kind of attendance and action we've had on Friday. Now, I know that a good many of the Senators, they do have business they have to take care of before they return home on the weekend. So, I would certainly be disappointed if adopt the original motion and then the people are not putting in their time here on the floor of a Thursday morning, but I am certainly opposed to Senator Mahoney's amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner. Senator Warner passes. Senator Richendifer. Senator Richendifer passes. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I want to ask my very good friend, Senator Mahoney, a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Mahoney, we have been down here for